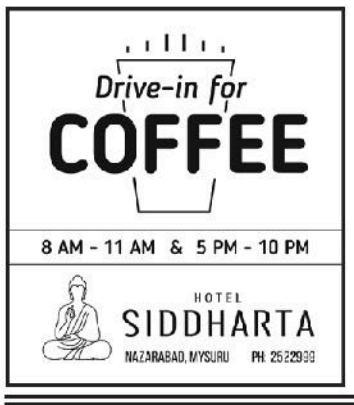




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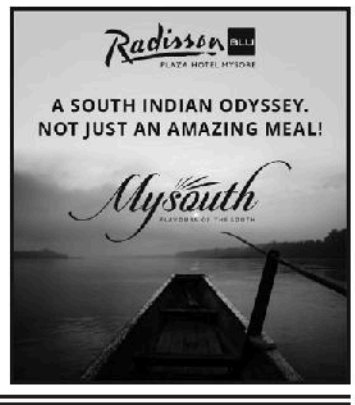




# BJP was in power when MUDA allotted sites in lieu of my wife's land: CM

Mysuru Aug. 7 (BLU&BCT)- Lashing out at former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa for his comments about the Congress Government, CM Siddaramaiah said that Yediyurappa's current freedom is due to the Court's leniency in POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act) case against him, otherwise he should have been in jail.

He was speaking to media after receiving public grievances in city this morning. When reporters asked him about his comments on Yediyurappa's prediction that he (Siddaramaiah) would resign before the *Padayatra* by BJP-JD(S) reaches Mysuru, the CM recalled POSCO case pending against him.

*Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaking to media persons in front of his T.K. Layout residence this morning as Ministers Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and K. Venkatesh, MUDA Chairman K. Marigowda and others look on.*

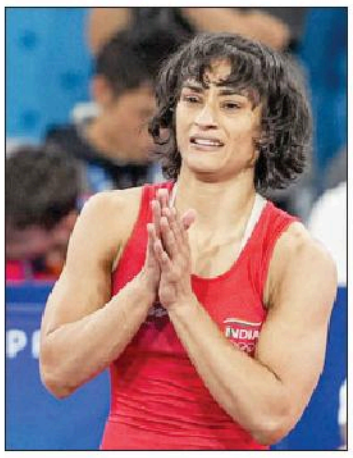
Stating that the issues involving Yediyurappa are unrelated to his own, the CM said, "Yediyurappa's case, involving money received via cheques and de-notification, is a different matter. I have cancelled today's press meet to prepare for Congress' *Janandolana* Rally at Maharaja's College Grounds on Aug. 9, where I plan to address all issues related to corruption. I will lay everything out before you at the rally," the CM said.

**(See MUDA on page 7)**

# 100 gram heartbreak!

## Vinesh Phogat Disqualified

Paris, Aug. 7 (Agencies)- India's dream of winning a gold medal in women's wrestling at the Paris Olympics was shattered this morning as Vinesh Phogat was disqualified from the finals of women's freestyle 50kg event. The reason for her disqualification was that Vinesh Phogat was overweight by 100 grams. She was scheduled to take on Sarah Hildebrandt of the USA on Aug. 8.



Meanwhile, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) announced on 'X', "It is with regret that the Indian contingent shares news of the disqualification of Vinesh Phogat from the Women's Wrestling 50kg class. Despite the best efforts by the team through the night, she weighed in a few grams over 50kg this morning. No further comments will be made by the contingent at this time. The Indian team requests you respect Vinesh's privacy. It would like to focus on the competitions on hand."

Vinesh, who usually competes in the 53 kg category, had reduced her weight to 50 kg for the Paris Olympics.

**(See VINESH PHOGAT on page 7)**

# STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Wednesday 7th August 2024


## Multilingual patriotic songs singing contest on Aug. 25

Mysuru, Aug. 7 (BLU&TRR)- To commemorate 77th Independence Day celebrations, Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat is organising Mysuru District-level Multilingual Patriotic Songs Singing competition on Aug. 25, said Parishat Zonal President Dr. Ranganath.

Addressing a press conference at Patrakartara Bhavan in city recently, Dr. Ranganath said, the competitions will be held at the premises of Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions in Saraswathipuram from 10 am on Aug. 25.

The competitions will be held under two categories — solo and group singing. Patriotic songs in any Indian language can be rendered at the contest.

Entry fee of Rs. 100 for solo singing and Rs. 200 for group singing have been fixed by the organisers. Those interested to participate may call: S. Subramanya (Mob: 94482-53359) or H.D. Ramesh (Mob: 97400-26889) or Katyayini (Mob: 81052-44398) or Jayamala (Mob: 72596-82938) before Aug. 15 and register their names, he said.

P. Vittoba, Devaraj Urs, Gayathri and Jayamala were present at the press meet.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

FORGET OLYMPIC GOLD: *Having lived through many Olympics, I am sick and tired of that old chestnut: Why do we do so poorly in the Olympic Games?*

*I have heard it all: Indian politicians and administrators see the Olympics as a free foreign trip; no one cares about athletes; why would anyone care about athletes if they do not win anything?; we do not spend enough on Olympic sports; we do spend enough now, so why can't our athletes perform on the biggest stage? And that chestnut of all chestnuts: Why can't we be like China?*

*So now, I ask myself a more fundamental question: Why bother with the Olympics at all?*

*Let's be honest. It is not for us. If we were an autocratic fascist State, we could, like China, have a regimented system sponsored by government, in the way East European countries and USSR once had, to institutionalise the production of champions. If we were a historically rich country like US and England, we would pursue sports for the fun of it, knowing that there was a livelihood to be made, if the sports thing didn't work out.*

*But we are in India, and we roll different. Unlike China, we do have 'too much democracy', and what that implies is we have the agency to make a choice, and we have made a choice: To excel in C, Java and Python. Decathlon is for noobs; we go full-stack, baby, front and back-end. Forget gold every four years; our kids make gold every day through base, bonus and LTI. Sundar Pichai is our Carl Lewis and Indra Nooyi is our Simone Biles. Long-shot odds that require physical and emotional endurance? How about IIT-JEE, NEET and UPSC? We run and swim and balance, but on roads, in water-logged cities and in public transportation, all in the pursuit of what we, as individuals, prioritise.*

*And when we want to chest-thump and wave our flag at a sporting event, we can always turn to cricket, a game we virtually own, regardless of whether we win or lose. So, yes, the Olympics are fun, and a medal or two, here and there, is worth celebration, like finding a few currency notes in an old jacket, but let's not lose sight of the larger picture. This is not our thing.*

*—Arnab Ray in The Times of India*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Company makes gorilla sofas

Beijing: A furniture company based in China has begun producing gorilla-shaped sofas to meet customer demand after AI-generated photos of gorilla sofas started going viral on social media.

Back in April, a design-centered blog called Inspiring Designs published a post featuring dozens of AI-generated images of gorilla-shaped sofas. The problem, as evident from the 8 user comments on the post, was that most people couldn't make the distinction between AI-generated content and a real product, so they kept asking where they could get a gorilla sofa. Well, a company in China was more than happy to meet the demand.

In a short clip, the owner of a Chinese furniture company can be seen showcasing several real gorilla sofas, from a black version inspired by King Kong to beige and brown versions complete with big gorilla heads.

### Man looks twice his age after five months in mountains

Hebei: A 24-year-old heartbroken man who spent the last five months of his life living in the mountains after a painful breakup now looks at least twice his age and is called "uncle" by people older than him.

A native of northern China's Hebei province, the man said that he began aging rapidly after retreating into the mountains to combat depression caused by a breakup. When he heard that hiking on the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau could "purify one's mind," he packed his bags, put them into a small cart and adopted an ascetic lifestyle. He found the clarity he was looking for, but the five-month experience also left him looking shockingly old for his age.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

The breastmilk is produced on a supply and demand basis. The more the baby feeds, the more milk the body produces.

***By Mrs. Vinutha S - Lactation Counsellor***
***Manipal Hospital, Mysore***

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

## Call to avail benefits of various Corporations

Mysuru, Aug. 7- Various Corporations of the State including Karnataka Madivala Machideva Development Corporation ***(https://kmmd.karnataka.gov.in/)***, Karnataka Alemari and Are Alemari Development Corporation ***(https://kaad.karnataka.gov.in/)*** and Karnataka Savitha Samaja Development Corporation ***(https://kssd.karnataka.gov.in/)*** have invited applications from eligible persons for availing benefits under various schemes of the respective Corporations — Self-Employment Scheme, Personal Loan Scheme, Ganga Kalyana Irrigation Scheme, Arivu Educational Loan Scheme, Swavalambi Saarathi Scheme etc.

The applications must be uploaded online through Seva Sindhu Portal ***(https://sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in)*** at GramaOne, BengaluruOne and Karnataka-One service centres. Last date to apply is Aug. 31.

For details, interested may log on to the respective Development Corporation's website or contact Ph: 0821-2341194 or 080-22374832 or Mob: 80507-70004 or 80507-70005, according to a press release.

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## REALLY...?

- *Chimpanzees can live up to their 80s.*
- *Much like humans, chimpanzees utilise self-made tools in order to feed and protect themselves, and have found ingenious ways to do so. From using small branches to dig out termites from their mounds, to smashing rocks to crack open nuts to searching the right length of twig to scratch themselves, chimpanzees have real creativity in turning tools to their benefit.*
- *Wild chimpanzees can only be found in Africa.*

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Ramesh: Suresh, your father is a teacher but your sister does not know to read even one word.***
***Suresh: So what? Your father is a dentist and your little brother does not have a single tooth!***

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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VOICE OF THE READER

# Sports Revolution need of the hour

Sir,

After the White Revolution and the Green Revolution, it looks as if it is time now to go for a **Sports Revolution** in our country, following our below-par performance in the ongoing Paris Olympics.

But the million-dollar question is, who has the roadmap to take us along when the task is so challenging and demanding?

They say, "Heaven helps those who help themselves." Come on, let us not lose heart. Let us find ways and means to redeem ourselves by making a beginning right now and in earnest.

**— S.S. Harish**
Brindavan Extension
6.8.2024

# Spike in youth cardiac issues alarms Jayadeva Director

Mysuru, Aug. 7 (RK&TRR)- Dr. K.S. Ravindranath, Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research has voiced his concern over the rising incidence of cardiac problems among youths.

Speaking at the inauguration of Cardio Yoga Summit, a National conference, at Jayadeva auditorium in city recently, he highlighted the alarming trend.

The Summit, jointly organised by the Department of AYUSH, Government Ayurveda Research Centre, Mysuru and Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Mysuru, aimed to address the intersection of heart health and holistic practices like yoga.

**Lifestyle changes to blame**

"The changing lifestyle of modern youths is leading to an increased number of heart patients daily. Cardiac issues, once confined to urban areas, are now spreading to rural areas and affecting young people," he said.

He emphasised Yoga's importance in maintaining physical and mental well-being, noting its rise in popularity since the first International Yoga Day in 2014. "Yoga has become an inseparable part of life, inspiring millions worldwide. Maharshi Patanjali, Swami Vivekananda, and others have significantly popularised Yoga in India," he said.

The event saw notable attendees, including AYUSH Commissioner Dr. Srinivasulu, Vice-Chancellor of Adichunchanagiri University Dr. M.A. Shekar, Mysuru Jayadeva Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. K.S. Sadananda, Dr. Seethalakshmi, Dr. Angel Raj, Dr. Lakshminarayan Shenoy, Dr. Santosh, Dr. Veena Nanjappa, PRO Vani Mohan and City Hotel Owners' Co-operative Society President Narayana V. Hegde, along with Ravindra Gore and others.

## V.K. Gokak's 113th birth anniversary

Mysuru, Aug. 7- As part of V.K. Gokak's 113th birth anniversary, Vinayaka Gokak Vagmaya Trust, Bengaluru and Kannada Department, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Mysuru, have jointly organised a programme titled 'V.Kru. Gokak mattu Kannada Jagattu' at the College premises in Jayalakshmipuram, at 10.30 am tomorrow (Aug. 8). Senior Scholar Dr. C. Naganna, Kannada HoD Dr. H.R. Thimmegowda, Trust President Dr. Narahalli Balasubramanya and College Principal Dr. B.R. Jayakumari will be present.

# Obituary

**B.K. Huchappa**

Mysuru, Aug. 7- B.K. Huchappa (67), retired KEB employee and a resident of Hootagalli, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind one son, a daughter, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Hootagalli Burial Grounds this noon, according to family sources.

# MDJA felicitates meritorious children of journalists

Mysuru, Aug. 7 (MTY&VNS)- Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) felicitated meritorious children of journalists who had excelled in the SSLC and PUC examinations held during the academic year 2023-24, at a function held at Alamma Choultry in city yesterday.

The Association also felicitated journalists Bannur K. Raju and Kashinath, who served as Election Officers during the recently held MDJA elections.

Ad-hoc Committee Members B.S. Prabhurajan and Balakrishna Maddur were also feted.

The function was inaugurated by K.V. Prabhakar, Media Advisor to the Chief Minister, who also addressed the gathering.

MDJA President K. Deepak presided. Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) President Shivananda Tagadur, Actor Mandya Ramesh, Senior Journalist Shivakumar Bellitatte, MDJA General Secretary Dharmapura Narayana, MDJA Executive Committee Members and other journalists were present on the occasion.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Inauguration of students restroom

As part of the centenary celebrations of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), 'Jagannatha' students restroom will be inaugurated at the Institute premises tomorrow (Aug. 8) at 4 pm. Industrialist Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy will be the chief guest. MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani will preside. Adichunchanagiri University Vice-Chancellor (VC) & MAA Trust Secretary Dr. M.A. Shekar, Kamakshi Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. C. Umesh Kamath, MAA Trust Hon. President Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy and Kamakshi Hospital Senior Advisor Dr. C.G. Narasimhan will be the guests of honour.

### No power supply tomorrow

Owing to emergency maintenance works at Vidyaranyapuram Feeder, there will be no power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Weavers' Colony, Chamundipuram Circle and surrounding areas of Subramanyaswamy temple, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, NR Mohalla Division.

### Appointed as State President

**Renshi Rambo Kiran**, a resident of J.P. Nagar, Mysuru, has been appointed as the Karnataka President by the National Karate Federation of India (Member: World Traditional Karate-Do Union, Organisation for the Welfare of Karate Players Rights), according to a letter issued by National Karate Federation of India Founder and Geneal Secretary Raju Thapa, dated July 31, 2024.

### Office-bearers

*Manjunath Kalegowda Srinivas*

The following were elected as office-bearers of Sri Veeranjaneyaswamy Temple Trust, Hanumanthanagar, Mysuru, at the annual general body meeting held on Sunday in city. The new office-bearers are: M.B. Manjunath - President; K.B. Kalegowda - Treasurer and H.N. Srinivas - Secretary, according to a press release.

## Echo of Wayanad landslide tragedy

# Geologists team to assess landslide risks in Kodagu

*Venkat Raja*

Madikeri, Aug. 7 (PS&BCT)- In the wake of the devastating Wayanad landslide tragedy, which claimed more than 350 lives, a team of geologists from the Geological Survey of India (GSI) will visit Kodagu district next week to evaluate the stability of mountains, slopes and hilly areas where human settlements exist.

*A file photo of GSI team analysis showing the unsupported cut slope at the downslope of the road bench in front of the Ayyappa Swamy Temple in Virajpet.*

Kodagu Deputy Commissioner (DC) Venkat Raja has confirmed that the team will study landslide-affected regions to assess the current situation. They will examine geographical features, soil composition, rock types and factors contributing to landslides. Their findings will be reported to the District Administration.

Previously, GSI scientists had inspected the district during the severe natural calamity of 2018, focusing on landslide-prone areas such as Meghathalu, Hemmathalu, Makkandur, Kaloor, Madapura, Hattihole and villages in Sampaje.

They also visited Surllabbi, Hamiyala, Mutlu, Hachchinadu, Kumbaragadige in Somwarpet, and Korangala in Bhagamandala, Thora village near Virajpet, where fatalities occurred in 2019, as well as Malethirike Hill, Ayyappa Swamy Hill where deep fissures were found with sound of water coming from insides of the mountains, and Gajagiri Hill landslide in Talacauvery in 2020 where people died.

The scientists conducted detailed examinations and submitted a comprehensive report to both the District Administration and State Government. The report outlined the causes of landslides, preventive measures, risks and a list of flood-prone villages.

This monsoon season has brought above-average rainfall to Kodagu. In response to potential dangers, the District Administration has proactively deployed a team from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and established task forces for rescue operations at the village level.

# Harangi Dam Left Bank Canal damaged before completion

Kushalnagar, Aug. 7 (AG& BCT)- The Left Bank Canal of the Harangi Reservoir, a crucial water source in the Cauvery Basin, is collapsing at multiple points even before its modernisation work is complete. This alarming development raises serious concerns about the construction quality.

The modernisation project, costing Rs. 49.75 crore, aims to enhance the canal's infrastructure to supply over 1,800 cusecs of water to farms in Hunsur, Periyapatna and K.R. Nagar, irrigating 1,34,980 acres of land. However, with ongoing construction and repairs, these farmers have not yet received water from the Harangi Dam for sowing and tilling land.

Approximately, 80 percent of the work, spanning 7 kilometres from the main canal, is complete. Initiated by the Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (CNNL), the project allocates Rs. 8 crore specifically for repairing the main canal to benefit farmers.

The modernisation uses the 'cut-and-cover box model' involving tasks such as repairing sluice outlets 1 to 6, constructing a road along the canal, building minor bridges, concreting both canal sides, covering the canal to prevent land subsidence and removing blockages in narrow sections.

Despite these efforts, the concrete near Hudugur collapsed, and soil collapsed near the main canal at Madalapura four days ago. Cracks have also appeared in the canal.

Farmers have voiced their concerns, pointing out that excavated soil piled nearby caused blockages during rains, worsening the collapses. They criticised the substandard work, noting that concrete was laid on mud instead of on a stone layer, weakening the structure. Furthermore, nearby water springs from forested areas and new ones emerging from the ground have damaged the canal wall.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Raghupathy, Superintendent Engineer of Harangi Dam, stated that the damage is being addressed and the situation has been exacerbated by the rain.

"The contractor is responsible for maintaining this work for three years, so there is no financial loss to the Government. They will repair the damage at their own expense," he noted.

"There are two vents to release water to the canal. The damage at one location has been urgently repaired and we will release 800 cusecs of water in a day or two, which will meet the immediate irrigation needs. The repairs on the other vent will take about a week. We expect to release the full 1,800 cusecs in a few days," he added.

## MUDA site allotment scam

### Clarification over CM Siddaramaiah's prosecution plea

# Governor seeks info from anti-corruption activist

*Thaawarchand Gehlot*

Bengaluru, Aug. 7 (KMS&BCT)- Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot summoned anti-corruption activist and advocate T.J. Abraham, who is seeking the prosecution of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in a site allotment case. This move has fuelled speculation that the Raj Bhavan may be nearing a decision on granting sanction for the CM's prosecution.

With the political landscape in turmoil, the spotlight now shifts to Governor Gehlot as he navigates the next steps to ensure a thorough examination of the allegations and uphold the principles of accountability.

Sources indicated that the Governor sought clarification on Abraham's petition, especially in the light of Cabinet's recommendation to withdraw the show-cause notice issued to Siddaramaiah concerning the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment scam. The Governor's office has already received a detailed report on the matter from the Chief Secretary.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is accused of facilitating the allotment of 14 residential plots in Mysuru to his wife, B.M. Parvathi, in exchange for surrendering 3.16 acres of land on the city's outskirts years ago.

During their 90-minute meeting, Abraham addressed doubts about his integrity raised by the Council of Ministers and the Chief Minister. He later told reporters that the meeting was pre-arranged with the Governor.

"It was a fantastic meeting where the Governor wanted to clarify. He wanted to clear the cloud which was around him (the Governor), which was created by the Cabinet. I believe that I have given that clarity to the Governor, and I believe that he has understood it, I hope that he is convinced and he will proceed further," advocate Abraham said.

*Abraham*

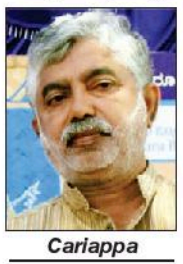
"The Government has neither rejected nor responded to my complaint but has questioned my integrity. The Governor sought clarification on this and I informed him that these allegations are currently being addressed in the Court," he stated.

Abraham has condemned what he called the Cabinet's utter failure to address his serious allegations against CM Siddaramaiah during a marathon three-hour meeting. He has accused the Council of Ministers of evading accountability.

Abraham's remarks were a direct rebuke of the Cabinet's incompetence, stating, "They could not even answer one of my allegations against the Chief Minister. Despite three hours of deliberation, they failed to address any of my concerns and instead labelled me as a bad man."

# Former Rangayana Director files complaint seeking action

Mysuru, Aug. 7 (SBD&BCT)- Former Rangayana Director and senior dramatist Addanda C. Cariappa has filed a complaint with the Lakshmipuram Police in Mysuru, stating that he, along with many other site applicants, has fallen victim to the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment scam.



*Cariappa*

Cariappa revealed that the MUDA site allotment scam has ignited a significant political storm. Documents obtained through the Right To Information (RTI) Act show substantial misappropriation, benefitting individuals with political influence.

"I have been living in a rented house in Mysuru intending to conduct theatre activities. I aimed to obtain a permanent site and build a house to support these activities. With this goal, under the theatre service and senior citizen quota, I applied for a site from MUDA on Feb. 27, 2023, and paid Rs. 1,04,600, for which I received a receipt," he stated in the complaint.

"Recently, I obtained documents under the RTI through my friend Snehamayi Krishna, which revealed the fraud that has taken place within MUDA. According to the documents, from Aug. 10, 2008, many fake records were created in connection with lands in Devanur-Kesare village under the Mysuru revenue division. This has caused a loss of crores of rupees to MUDA," the complaint stated.

**Kesare-Devanur land**

"The 3.16-acre area in Kesare-Devanur village under survey number 464 was fraudulently transferred from Devaraju to B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy and later in 2010 to B.M. Parvathi Siddaramaiah using fake documents. Using political influence, they acquired 14 valuable sites in Vijayanagar Layout in 2022 as compensatory sites, claiming that the land in question was wrongly acquired by MUDA," Cariappa mentioned in the complaint.

"The then MUDA Commissioner was also involved in this fraudulent deal. As a taxpayer and an applicant for a site from MUDA, I have been wronged by this case. Additionally, it has obstructed the allotment of sites to the public. Therefore, I have requested action against the aforementioned individuals as well as the officials and staff involved at that time," the complaint said.

**Note handed over**

Lakshmipuram Police Station officer, who accepted the complaint, has written a note stating, "We have reviewed the complaint application you submitted. As per the State Government order on July 1, a comprehensive investigation and a Judicial Inquiry Commission headed by a retired Judge have been established to thoroughly examine and report on the irregularities in the MUDA site allotments. Since your complaint is related to this matter, your application has been forwarded to the investigation officers."

# Fresh complaint against CM over 2008 land denotification

### Land in question is 1.39-acres under survey number 205/2 Uttanahalli village

*Siddaramaiah*

Bengaluru, Aug. 7 (KMS&BCT)- RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna has filed a complaint with Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot seeking a probe against CM Siddaramaiah over his alleged role in irregularities in the denotification of land allotted to the poor beneficiaries in Mysuru way back in 2008.

The complaint, filed in Bengaluru yesterday, accused Siddaramaiah of misusing his position as a legislator to influence district officials in land-related decisions. This is the second complaint with Governor against the CM after the first complaint filed by activist T.J. Abraham. Sources said that CM may receive another notice from the Governor seeking his explanation.

The complaint alleged that then Congress MLA Siddaramaiah on Aug. 10, 2008, wrote

a letter to the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner, requesting the de-notification of a plot of land that was acquired by the Government in 1979.

Following Siddaramaiah's letter, the complaint alleged, the Mysuru District Administration swiftly acted to de-notify the land within just 14 months, removing its acquired status.

"The land in question, a 1.39-acre plot bearing survey number 205/2, is situated in Uttanahalli village near Mysuru city. Originally, this land was allocated as Ashraya sites for Below Poverty Line (BPL) beneficiaries. However, due to lack of infrastructure, the intended beneficiaries did not build homes on the land, creating a loophole that authorities exploited to facilitate fraudulent activities," read the complaint letter.

*Snehamayi Krishna*

Besides, cheating the poor beneficiaries, the name and identity of the owner of the land were changed, by creating fake documents, by the officials. "While the land originally belonged to Kundabeeraiah, documents were created, to prove that one Marappa was the owner. Then the denotification was done on Oct. 13, 2009," the complaint reads.

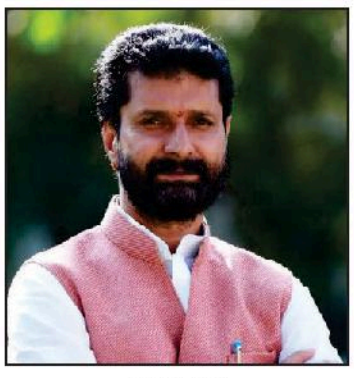
The activist urged the Governor to order a formal investigation into the matter and file a case against Siddaramaiah and the involved officials. The complaint also urged the Governor to instruct Mysuru DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy to conduct a thorough inquiry within 15 days and submit a report for further legal proceedings.

# Quit as CM, face probe, dares BJP MLC C.T. Ravi

Mysuru, Aug. 7 (BLU&BS)- BJP MLC C.T. Ravi has dared Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to tender his resignation and face the probe pertaining to the allegations of irregularities in the 50:50 site allotment scheme of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), under which Siddaramaiah's wife B.M Parvathi was allotted 14 sites in prime locality.

Addressing media persons at City BJP office in Chamarajapuram this morning, Ravi demanded that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah should quit his office, owning moral responsibility and facilitate impartial probe into the allegations.

The probe should be handed over either to a sitting Supreme Court or High Court Judge or Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).



*C.T. Ravi*

"If Karnataka has to be cleansed from corruption, you should set a precedent by stepping down as CM. However, it is left to you whether to resign as 'Corrupt' or 'Clean CM," said Ravi, who charged the Chief Minister, of having an unholy nexus with the racketeers in advance, which was evident with the then MUDA Chairman switching side to Congress.

# Sails Down

## Adverse weather delays Jr. Nationals sailing event

Mysuru, Aug. 7 (GA&KS)- Unfavourable wind conditions have delayed the start of the Yachting Association of India (YAI) Junior Nationals 2024, a ranking event organised by the Royal Mysore Sailing Club (RMSC) in collaboration with the Royal Madras Yacht Club and the Karnataka State Sailing Association, under the aegis of YAI and the respective Class Associations. The event was scheduled to take place at the KRS backwaters this morning.

The races for ILCA 6 (Open and Girls), ILCA 4 (Boys and Girls), 29er (Open), 470 (Open and Mixed) and 420 (Open and Mixed), which were to start in Race Area A at 9.20 am, have been postponed.

Similarly, races for Optimist (Mail Fleet), Optimist (Green Fleet), Techno 293 (U13 and U15 Boys and Girls), Techno 293 (U17 Boys and Girls), Race Board (U19 Boys and Girls) and iQ Foil (Youth and Junior), scheduled for Race Area B at 9.25 am, have also been delayed.

Captain Aravind Sharma, Founder of RMSC, announced that this morning's races have been postponed and will be rescheduled for this afternoon if wind conditions improve.

He also highlighted that 150 sailors from various clubs, including the Royal Madras Yacht Club, Royal Bombay Yacht Club, Army Yachting Mumbai, Indian Navy, National Sailing Club of Bhopal, Navy Boys Scout Company, Krishna Sailing Club Army, and RMSC, among others, are participating.

This year, paraplegic sailors will also compete, using Hansa Boat 303 for the races. The regatta is open to all boats and boards from clubs affiliated or registered with YAI and the respective Class Associations, provided their subscriptions or dues are fully paid.

A minimum of three competitors is required to form a division, except for the girls' category as specified in the Notice of Race (NoR) 5.1. Aravind stated that public access to the racing venue is restricted due to crowd management issues.

### Youngest participant

**Nine-year-old Saivanisha from Hyderabad, a member of the Secunderabad Sailing Club, Telangana, is the youngest participant in the RMSC Regatta in the below-19 category. She is the daughter of former sailor Murulikrishna and Reena.**

### Tomorrow's Races

| Race Area A [9.20 am] | Race Area B [9.25 am] |
|---|---|
| ILCA 6 (Open and Girls) | Optimist (Main Fleet) |
| ILCA 4 (Boys and Girls) | Optimist (Green Fleet) |
| 29er (Open) | Techno 293 (U13 and U15 Boys and Girls) |
| 470 (Open and Mixed) | Techno 293 (U17 Boys and Girls) |
| 420 (Open and Mixed) | Race Board (U19 Boys and Girls) |
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| | 3 races. |

## Taluk Administration reclaims Rs. 1 crore worth land

Mysuru, Aug. 7 (KS&RK) - The Taluk Administration yesterday demolished a structure that was illegally built on Raja Kaluve passing through K.C. Layout in Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4 in city.

Tahsildar K.M. Mahesh Kumar, with adequate security from jurisdictional Nazarbad Police, personally supervised the encroachment clearance and reclaimed the land worth about Rs. 1 crore.

The action was carried out by Tahsildar after verifying the documents submitted by Right to Information (RTI) activist B.N. Nagendra, along with a complaint.

One Chandrashekar, after allegedly creating fake documents, had encroached upon the Raja Kaluve at K.C. Layout and constructed a structure on it and had also taken water and power connections. He had paid the tax for Site No. 309/1 in J.C. Nagar at MCC Zone-1 Office, and allegedly created fake documents and built a structure on the Raja Kaluve and buffer zone in K.C. Layout.

Nagendra, who collected this information through RTI Act, lodged a written complaint to Tahsildar Mahesh Kumar, who after examining the documents submitted by Nagendra, confirmed that the structure built was indeed illegal.

Kasaba Hobli Revenue Inspector Hemanth Kumar, Village Administrative Officer Nagesh, MCC Zone-1 officer Manjunath Reddy, Assistant Revenue Officer Nandeesh, MCC Revenue Inspector Murugesh, CESC staff and others were present during the encroachment clearance drive.

## RUPSA issues Aug. 21 deadline to Government

### Warns of Bengaluru Chalo

Mysuru, Aug. 7 (TRR)- **Recognised Unaided Private Schools Association (RUPSA)** has issued a deadline of Aug. 21 to the State Government to consider its various demands, to end corruption in the Department of School Education and Literacy and put an end to the injustice meted to private educational institutions across the State.

The Association has also warned that the Karnataka Private Unaided Schools Federation, will close schools as a protest in case the Government fails to respond to their appeals.

In a press conference recently, RUPSA State President Lepakshi Halanur said that, a deadline of Aug. 21 has been issued to the Department of School Education and Literacy.

"The Department has prescribed 64 factors and obtaining records has made things difficult for educational institutions to get renewal. The Government must curb corruption in the Department and drop the move to collect tax arrears from private educational institutions. We have given a deadline of 14 days to the Government," added Lepakshi Halanur. He also urged the Government, to hold discussions with RUPSA and warned to close schools and take out Bengaluru Chalo, otherwise.

It is alleged that, officials of Education Department are harassing the institutions for the last four years and tax is being illegally collected from them on sites and buildings used for academic purposes. There are also complaints against the Department officials on other issues. Many private educational institutions have announced their support to RUPSA.

## 'Gruha Lakshmi'

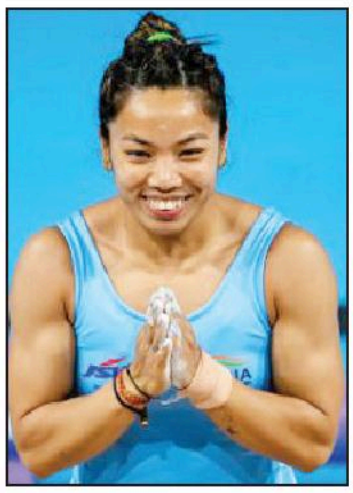
Bengaluru, Aug. 7 (KMS&VNS)- Gruha Lakshmi amount would be deposited to the bank account of beneficiaries ahead of Varamahalakshmi festival, said Minister for Women and Child Welfare Lakshmi Hebbalkar, here yesterday.

Speaking at the *Janandolana Public Rally* organised by Congress party to counter BJP-JD(S) *padayatra*, she said that the amount could not be deposited for the past 2-3 months owing to technical reasons.

## Paris Summer Olympics 2024

# Indian athletes' quest for gold continues

*Neeraj Chopra*



*Mirabai Chanu*

*Avinash Sable*

Paris, Aug. 7 (Agencies)- With many of the star athletes failing to achieve a podium finish, India has still hopes on Neeraj Chopra, Mirabai Chanu and Avinash Sable, who are still in the race to win the elusive Gold Medal for the country in the Paris Olympics 2024.

Neeraj Chopra, the defending champion, who won the gold in the men's javelin throw at Tokyo 2020 Olympics, entered the finals with an astounding throw of 89.34 meters, comfortably surpassing the qualification mark.

**Chopra will be competing in the highly anticipated final, scheduled for tomorrow (Aug. 8) at 11.55 pm IST.**

Meanwhile, Tokyo 2020 Olympics silver medallist **Mirabai Chanu will be seen in action at the South Paris Arena in the women's 49kg weightlifting event from 11.30 pm tonight (Aug. 7).**

Athlete Avinash Sable, Commonwealth Games silver medallist, will eye for an Olympic gold in the men's 3000 mts steeplechase at Stade de France. **Avinash Sable will be seen live in action at 1.13 am on Aug. 8.**

## INDIA'S SCHEDULE AUGUST 7

PARIS 2024

### ATHLETICS

MEN'S TRIPLE JUMP QUALIFICATION
**Abdulla Aboobacker** Vs **Praveen Chithravel** 10.45 pm

MEN'S 3000M STEEPLECHASE FINAL
**Avinash Sable** (Aug. 8) 1.13 am

### GOLF

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL STROKEPLAY ROUND 1
**Aditi Ashok** Vs **Diksha Dagar** 12.30 pm

### WRESTLING

WOMEN'S FREESTYLE 53KG QUARTER-FINAL
**(Subject to Qualification)** 4.20 pm

WOMEN'S FREESTYLE 53KG SEMI-FINAL
**(Subject to Qualification)** 10.25 pm

### WEIGHTLIFTING

WOMEN'S 49KG
**Mirabai Chanu** 11.30 pm

# Phogat disqualified

**(Continued from page 1)**

On Day 2, after her weigh-in, Vinesh was found to be weighing over the desired limit.

According to sources, she tried hard reduce her weight by skipping her meals, exercising and not sleeping overnight. But the efforts went in vain as she was found to be weighing 100 grams more than the desired limit. The Indian officials also asked the Olympic Committee for more time but were denied.

Vinesh, who had scripted history by becoming the first Indian woman to reach the final of a wrestling event in Olympics, was guaranteed a silver medal if not gold, will now return empty handed from Paris.

She had defeated Japanese wrestler and four-time Olympic champion Yui Susaki, Ukraine's Oksana Livach and Cuba's Yusneylis Guzman Lopez to reach the finals.

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) is said to have raised objection against Phogat's disqualification. However, there is no confirmation in this regard.

Meanwhile, sources said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to IOA President P.T. Usha over the phone on the issue. The sources also added that Vinesh Phogat was rushed to hospital after complaining about dehydration.

This matter was even discussed in Parliament today.

# BJP was in power when MUDA allotted sites in lieu of my wife's land: CM

**(Continued from page 1)**

On the MUDA site allotment to his wife B.M. Parvathi, Siddaramaiah stated, "When I was Chief Minister in 2014, my wife applied for a site. MUDA officials brought this to my attention and I had clearly instructed them not to allocate any plots during my tenure. In 2021, she reapplied when the BJP was in power. They legally allotted sites in lieu of her land that MUDA acquired at Kesare. If I intended to receive sites, I would have used my position to get them while I was Chief Minister. I did not do that," Siddaramaiah said.

The CM accused the BJP and JD(S) of targeting him to destabilise the Government. "Their falsehoods cannot shake my Government. Previously, they attempted 'Operation Kamala', which failed. Now, they are targeting me, I have the courage to face any criticism. I have committed no wrong and my stand is clear," he said. Regarding the show-cause notice issued by the Governor, the CM clarified that he has only received one notice, to which he has responded. He emphasised that his meetings with Chief Secretaries and the Governor were unrelated to the current issues. He expressed confidence that the Governor would confirm his innocence legally.

Siddaramaiah also defended his actions against accusations of corruption. He said, "The BJP's claims of corruption are baseless. Investigations are ongoing into their own scandals. They lack any moral ground to criticise."

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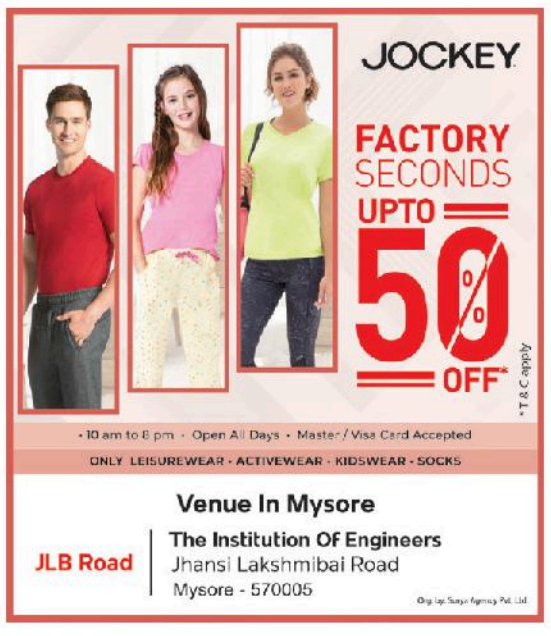
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# Karnataka ESDM Brand launched in Mysuru

## Initiative to enable Mysuru-Bengaluru to become India's Electronics System Design & Manufacturing hub

FROM LEFT: ***Sanjeev Gupta, CEO, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), Jitendra Chanddah, VP & Country Head, Global Foundries India, B.V. Naidu, Chairman, KDEM, Dr. Ekroop Caur, Secretary to Government, Department of Electronics IT BT and Science and Technology, and V. Veerappan, Chairman, India Electronics & Semiconductor Association (IESA), seen during the launch of ESDM Tech Yatra at Hotel Southern Star in city yesterday.***

Mysuru, Aug. 7 (BCT)- The Government of Karnataka, in collaboration with the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) and the India Electronics & Semiconductor Association, launched India's first-ever **ESDM (Electronics System Design & Manufacturing)** Tech Yatra and Karnataka ESDM Brand in Mysuru.

The Tech Yatra will be held in Mysuru on Sept. 18 and 19. The curtain raiser ceremony, launched at Hotel Southern Star yesterday, aims to showcase the region's readiness for the ESDM world and attract global leaders, driving potential investments and talent sourcing.

Over 30 global and Indian companies, including Global Foundry, Marvell, TI, Schneider, Bosch, Teessolve, SLN Technologies and Aequs, visited Mysuru and explored various facilities such as ESDM EMC2.0, Lahari - test facility, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering - CoE, industry hubs, and Kaynes, AT&S, LTTS, among others.

### Business potential

This provided a valuable opportunity to validate the business potential and contribute to Karnataka's growth. The event also unveiled the 4th edition of 'Mysuru: The Big Tech Show 2024' to be held in September and launched the Karnataka ESDM Brand, marking a significant milestone in the State's journey towards becoming a global technology leader.

Partners included the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the Electronic Industries Association Of India (ELCINA), the Association Connecting Electronics Industries, the Semiconductor Fabless Accelerator Lab (SFAL), the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM), and Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).

### Strategic corridor and economic growth

This annual event aimed to elevate Karnataka's ESDM sector globally by fostering collaboration among industry, startups and academia. By showcasing the Bengaluru-Mysuru corridor as a premier technology hub, the event seeks to highlight business potential, attract significant investments exceeding Rs. 1,000 crore and generate over 5,000 new jobs, promoting local innovation and enhancing the sector's global brand.

Mysuru, with its robust infrastructure, including nine SEZs and ample office space, is emerging as a thriving tech hub. ESDM startup success stories like Kidvento, Vidwath Innovative Solutions, Dvizira, Gritbyte Labs and FAAB Invest highlight the city's potential.

'Mysuru: The Big Tech Show 2024' will showcase over 25 startups, facilitate industry-academia collaborations and attract global partners, solidifying Karnataka's position as a global ESDM leader.

### Leaders laud initiative

Priyank Kharge, Minister for IT/BT and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, stated, "The launch of Karnataka ESDM Brand from Mysuru is a testament to our commitment to innovation and excellence. Our vision is to create an environment where ideas flourish, investments flow and growth is sustained."

"In addition to Rs. 600 crore new investments, we are also looking to set up over 150 acres of PCB cluster, expand current testing facility Lahari, add Multi-Tenancy Clean room and much more to support this growth. This will drive over 5,000 new jobs and majority will be women workforce, R&D & Ips to also grow strong from this cluster. It's the right time for global companies to come explore and grow together," he added.

Sudhanva Dhananjaya, Co-Founder of Excelsoft Technologies, remarked: "Mysuru's local ecosystem is a testament to collaboration and innovation. 'Mysuru: The Big Tech Show 2024' will attract over 30 global speakers, 500 industry delegates & 100 startups, 5 country partners, 100 students, academic partners and all industry partners from the cluster — Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Nanjangud, Mandya."

Dr. Ekroop Caur, Secretary to the Government, Department of Electronics Information Technology Biotechnology and Science & Technology, said: "Global leaders interacting with local industries and the new Karnataka ESDM Brand enable Mysuru-Bengaluru to become the Semicon Hub of India."

The Elevate programme has supported 923 startups with a committed fund of Rs. 223 crore across Karnataka, with over 40 startups from the Mysuru cluster. Gopalan Infrastructure is developing 1 million sq. ft., with 0.2 million sq. ft. construction complete and available for occupancy within six months.

B.V. Naidu, Chairman of KDEM, invited companies to explore the readiness of the Global Technology Centre (GTC), a flagship project of the Government of Karnataka, which will be operational by the end of 2024.

Dr. V. Veerappan, Chairman of the India Electronics and Semiconductor Association, added, "Bengaluru is the design hub and Mysuru is the manufacturing hub. The Bengaluru-Mysuru corridor is of strategic importance for India and will become an important player on the global landscape."

# Siddaramaiah visits his under-construction house

***CM Siddaramaiah sipping coffee in SUV after visiting his under-construction house at Kuvempunagar yesterday.***

Mysuru, Aug. 7 (PM&BCT)- While Opposition parties JD(S) and BJP are leading a padayatra from Bengaluru to Mysuru to protest against the Congress Government, and former CM B.S. Yediyurappa predicting that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will resign by the time the march reaches Mysuru, the CM remained unfazed and was seen in a relaxed mood last evening.

Despite the political pressure, Siddaramaiah took a leisurely drive through Mysuru city in an SUV driven by former MLA H.P. Manjunath. Notably, he bypassed official protocol, travelling without a security detail or convoy.

Siddaramaiah visited the construction site of his new house in Kuvempunagar on Vishwamanava Double Road with Manjunath. After inspecting the progress, he enjoyed a hot coffee inside his car.

Siddaramaiah, a prominent political figure for four decades with terms as Dy.CM and CM, ironically did not own a house in Mysuru until now. The construction of his Kuvempunagar residence, which began two years ago on an 85x120 sq. ft. plot, is nearing completion.

The duplex house features a basement for vehicle parking, a ground floor for a meeting hall and office space, and bedrooms and halls on the first and second floors.

While Siddaramaiah has frequently visited Mysuru since becoming CM, his activities have been minimal. He has typically stayed at a house in T.K. Layout owned by his friend and close aide Mariswamy, where he conducts meetings, public interactions and media engagements.

### Guest lecturers' appeal

During the CM's brief drive, guest lecturers from Mysore University met him requesting the Chief Minister that he instruct University authorities to continue their appointments. To support their demands, the guest lecturers initiated a night-long protest. Siddaramaiah assured them he would discuss the matter with Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath.

# Supreme Court Judge Justice SVN Bhatti visits Suttur

***Supreme Court Judge Justice Sarasa Venkatanarayana (SVN) Bhatti visited Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud yesterday. He was accorded with a** poornakumbha swagatha **on his arrival at the Mutt. Justice Bhatti visited Gadduge of Adijagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayoji Swamiji and was taken on a tour at the Mutt premises before he addressed the students of residential school. Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Karnataka High Court Judge Justice M.G. Uma, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary-1 S.P. Manjunath and others were present.***

## MUDA and Valmiki Corporation Scams

# HDK, Vijayendra lack temerity to oust Government: DKS

Mandya, Aug. 7 (Mohanraj &BS)- Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) has said that Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) and State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra (BYV), lack temerity to remove Congress-led State Government from power.

He was addressing *Janandolana* convention organised by KPCC at Mysugar Grounds, Dr. Rajkumar Layout here on Tuesday, as a counter to the ongoing *Mysuru Chalo Padayatra*.

DKS, also the KPCC President said, both BJP and JD(S) have taken out a *padayatra* with a common motive of destabilising the State Government. However, they will not succeed, as the party stormed into power with people's blessings.

"It's not in your fate to bring down the Government, except for hatching conspiracy and uttering lies to hit out against the Government. Our Government will exist for 10 long years, but your *padayatra* is nothing but a bid to get rid of the sins," said Dy.CM Shivakumar, taking a dig at the rival parties.

# Day 5: Mysuru Chalo
## Padayatra enters Mandya

Maddur, Aug. 7 (Mohanraj &BS)- The 8-day *Mysuru Chalo Padayatra* organised by BJP and JD(S) parties, demanding the resignation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, for his wife Parvathi, being a beneficiary of MUDA site scheme illegally, reached Budanur in Mandya taluk from Nidaghatta in Maddur taluk on Tuesday.

The *padayatra* that resumed from Channapatna on Monday had halted at Nidaghatta. The fourth day of the *padayatra* resumed from Nidaghatta yesterday morning and reached Budanur later in the day.

The *padayatra* jointly led by BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra and JD(S) Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy, was accorded a warm welcome, by the villagers waiting at the entrance of their villages on Mysuru - Bengaluru Highway. The ecstatic villagers performed *arathi* and burst fire-crackers, with cultural troupes adding colour to the campaign.

On the fifth day today, *Mysuru Chalo Padayatra* that began from Sri Shashikirana Convention Hall in Mandya at 10 am, passed through the highway, before stopping for lunch at Sri Sumaravi Convention Hall. The *padayatra* will halt after completing the day's schedule, at *Right O*, a coffee cafe at Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB), Thubinakere at 8 pm.

# SIT files charge sheet against 12; most from Hyderabad

### Omits names of former Minister B. Nagendra and Chairman of Valmiki Corporation Basanagouda Daddal

Bengaluru, Aug. 7 (KMS&BS)- The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the multi-crore scam at Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes (ST) Development Corporation Ltd. has submitted a preliminary charge sheet to the Third Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) Court.

The charge sheet names 12 individuals, including two officials of Valmiki Corporation, but notably excludes former Tribal Welfare Minister B. Nagendra and Valmiki Corporation Chairman and MLA Basanagouda Daddal.

**The accused**

The charge sheet accuses the named individuals of illegally transferring Rs. 187 crore from Valmiki Corporation. The key accused are:

J.G. Padmanabha, Managing Director of Valmiki Corporation, Parashuram Durgannavar, Accounts Superintendent, Sathyanarayana Etakari, Chairman of First Finance Credit Cooperative Bank Limited, Hyderabad, Nekkunte Nagaraj, a close aide of former Minister Nagendra, Nageshwar Rao, Nagaraj's brother-in-law, M. Chandramohan, Gadi Raju Satyanarayana Verma of Hyderabad, G.K. Jagadish of Udupi, Teja Thammaiah of Bengaluru, Pittala Srinivas of Gachchibouli, Sai Teja of Hyderabad and Kaki Srinivas Rao of Hyderabad.

The scam came to light following the suicide of Valmiki Corporation Superintendent P. Chandrasekaran in May. This led to the resignation of Tribal Welfare Minister Nagendra from the State Cabinet. The SIT, constituted by the State Government, interrogated both Nagendra and Chairman Daddal but eventually released them.

**ED and CBI probes**

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) launched a parallel investigation, raiding the residences and offices of the accused and seizing documents. The ED filed a First Information Report (FIR) and took Nagendra into custody, where he remains in judicial custody.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is also probing the case following a complaint by the Union Bank of India, where Valmiki Corporation had an account. The bank officers are also under scrutiny.

# Congress to wage legal battle if Guv orders CM's prosecution

Bengaluru, Aug. 7 (KMS&BS)- If Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot sanctions the prosecution of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah regarding the alleged 50:50 site scam at Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), the Congress party plans to wage a legal battle and will petition the President of India to recall the Karnataka Governor.

As the BJP-JD(S) *Mysuru Chalo Padayatra* is nearing Mysuru, the heat over the scam intensifies. In response, AICC General Secretaries K.C. Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala (Karnataka Incharge) held a meeting with CM Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar.

Venugopal conveyed to the CM and Dy. CM that they have consulted legal experts like P. Chidambaram and Abhishek Manu Singhvi. "We must be prepared to fight this legally," Venugopal reportedly said, advising readiness for court battles if social activist T.J. Abraham pursues legal action.

**Possible legal battle**

The Congress leadership believes the chances of the Governor approving prosecution are high. They plan to challenge any Court notice vigorously and, if necessary, escalate the matter to the Supreme Court.

The Congress intends to frame this as a battle between the CM and the Government, not merely a personal issue between the Governor and the CM. They plan to mirror struggles seen in Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala and New Delhi, questioning the Governor's legal authority and presenting facts to the public.

The AICC leaders emphasised support for CM Siddaramaiah, instructing all Ministers and leaders to back him fully and to counter the BJP-JD(S) campaign to defame the Government.

# After Mysuru Chalo, BJP plans Ballari Padayatra?

*Sriramulu*

Bengaluru, Aug. 7 (Agencies)- Following the conclusion of ongoing *Mysuru Chalo Padayatra* on Aug. 10, BJP in all likelihood may organise yet another *padayatra* restricted to North Karnataka, in protest against multi-crore scam at Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribe (ST) Development Corporation Ltd.

Former Minister B. Sriramulu said, to highlight the controversy surrounding Valmiki Corporation, the party is enthusiastic to take out another *padayatra* in another few weeks, either from Bidar to Ballari or Ballari to Chitradurga. Before finalising the plan, we will discuss the schedule with our party leaders in Delhi and State Core Committee.

There are several issues to highlight the failures of the State Government including the recent suspicious death of Yadgir PSI Parashuram, grievances related to Kalyana Karnataka region and diversion of Rs. 25,000 crore meant for the welfare of Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST). We will seek justice from the Government in this regard, added Sriramulu.

# SIT recovers Rs. 7.5 crore

Bengaluru, Aug. 7 (Agencies)- Special Investigation Team (SIT) that is probing into the multi-crore scam at Valmiki Corporation has recovered Rs. 7.5 crore related to the scam on Monday.

SIT, that has filed a charge sheet in relation to the scam, seized the amount from the RBL account of First Finance Bank Chairman Sathyanarayana Etakari. With this, a total of Rs. 57 crore has been recovered so far.

On the other hand, the judicial custody of former Minister B. Nagendra, arrested by Enforcement Directorate (ED), that is also probing the scam, has been extended further.

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Jurisprudence

**Pronunciation:** joor-us-PROO-dunss.
**Meaning:** Jurisprudence is a formal word that typically refers to the science or philosophy of law, or to a system or body of law.
**Origin:** "For a farewell to our jurisprudent, I wish unto him the gladsome light of jurisprudence...." With this farewell to English jurist Sir Thomas Littleton, another jurist named Sir Edward Coke welcomed two new words into English. In 1628, his jurisprudence meant "knowledge of or skill in law," a now-archaic sense that reflects the meaning of the word's root. Jurisprudence goes back to Latin phrase prudentia juris (literally "skill in law"), from which came the Late Latin formation jurisprudentia, and subsequently the English word. The noun jurisprudent means "one skilled in law" — in other words, a jurist or a judge. There's also jurisprude, a somewhat rare 20th-century back-formation created from jurisprudence with influence from prude. It means "one who makes a showy display of jurisprudential learning."
**Example:** "The nine justices follow our national debate as close as any political pundit, and it shapes their jurisprudence in countless ways." — Andy Greene, Rolling Stone, 22 Jan. 2024.

## THE ODD WORD

### Jackanapes

Impudent child; conceited fellow.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Jump on the Bandwagon

**Meaning:** To join in a popular activity.
**Origin:** In nineteenth century America, a 'bandwagon' was a horse-drawn wagon with a platform for a group of musicians (a band) that often preceded a circus parade. The phrase was first seen in 1848, when a famous clown named Dan Rice would use his circus bandwagon to transport politicians around town while the music attracted the public to an area where campaign speeches were being given.
**Example:** "So many people are trying to quit smoking that I might as well jump on the bandwagon and quit as well."

## QUOTE BOX

The sparrows jumped before they knew how to fly, and they learned to fly only because they had jumped. **— Lauren Oliver**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

*Answer: Back to reality.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1 ___ leg : an artificial leg, especially a wooden one?
4 __ __ time : never? (2,2)
8 As previously given
12 Thurman of Kill Bill
13 Store
14 Palm - "pain" anagram ?
15 Hole in a tyre
17 DI in DIY (2,2)
18 Famous writer of fairy stories
19 Smooth-barked tree
20 Of local origin locally
22 Port city in southern Iraq
24 Change
26 Zodiac sign
27 Value Added Tax, abbr.
30 Motor fuel
32 Place of contentment
34 Search and Rescue
35 Physician informally
37 Paul _____, British physicist
38 Stay on the water
40 Police informer (sl).
41 Light-heartedly
44 Reach maturity
46 Cube inventor Rubik
47 A long time back? (5,3)
50 Mexican snack
51 Prefix meaning `to do with aircraft'
52 Word to call attention to a quoted mistake
53 ___ of David: famous symbol of the Jews?
54 Cover with paper
55 Inertial Sensor Assembly

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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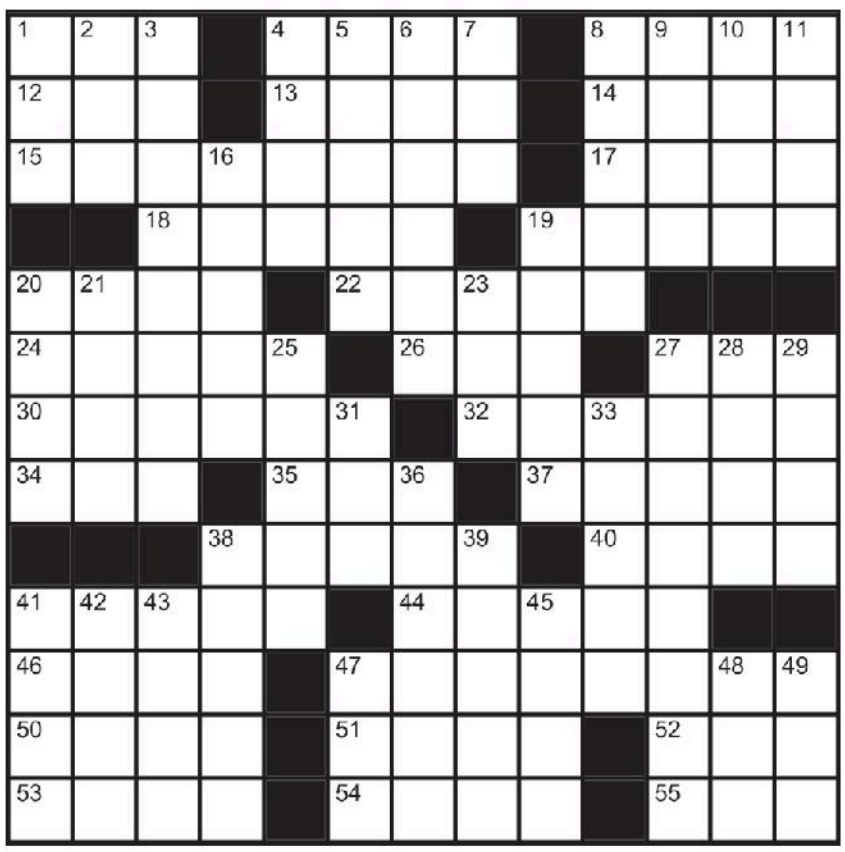
**DOWN**

1 Baby barker
2 Australian bird
3 Mobster
4 An Italian wine
5 First digit of the human hand
6 Ordinary
7 Unseal - poetically speaking!
8 Asian country
9 Christian of fashion
10 Great story
11 Algebra or geometry, in short
16 ___ wolf : raises false alarm?
19 Not narrow
20 Fathers
21 Lamb's nom-de-plume
23 Gender
25 In the colour of danger!
27 Indian holy city
28 Hebrew month
29 Fold in garment
31 Card game
33 Well dressed numbers!
36 Vocation
38 Storey
39 Jewelled head-band
41 Acquires or procures
42 I smell __ __ : there's something fishy here? (1,3)
43 Peruvian Indian
45 A support
47 Swerve or diverge
48 US soldiers
49 Wood sorrel



## SUDOKU

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| 5 | | | | | 2 | 1 | | |
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| | | 8 | 5 | | | | | 6 |

Answer to previous puzzle

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| 5 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 1 |
| 6 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 9 |
| 9 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 2 |
| 3 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 4 |
| 4 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| 8 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| 7 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 3 |
| 1 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 6 |
| 2 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 5 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**NTQQYNN FORFJN LQQTWN GV AWGDFMY**

**FVZ EFGOTWY GV ETOO ATXOGQ DGYR.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS S**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** When everything goes right, a mobile is a piece of poetry that dances with the joy of life and surprises.

# MOVIE LOVERS

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Raayan (Ta)* | (S-1) | 10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 10 pm |
| *Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)* | (S-1) | 4.20 pm, 7.10 pm |
| | (S-2) | 10.25 pm |
| *Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta)* | (S-2) | 1 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)* | (S-2) | 3.35 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)* | (S-2) | 7 pm |
| *Ishq (K)* | (S-3) | 10.45 am |
| *Hebbuli (K)* | (S-3) | 1.40 pm |
| *Buddy (Te)* | (S-3) | 4.30 pm |
| *Shivam Bhaje (Te)* | (S-3) | 7.20 pm |
| *Roopantara (K)* | (S-3) | 9.55 pm |
| *Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)* | (S-4) | 10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7 pm, 9.45 pm |

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|---|---|---|
| *Raayan (Ta)* | : | 1.20 pm, 7 pm, 9.15 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (K)* | : | 1.30 pm |
| *Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta)* | : | 4.05 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.15 pm |
| *Boat (Ta)* | : | 6.50 pm, 9.15 pm |
| *Idiyan Chandhu (Ma)* | : | 6.50 pm |

### PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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| *Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)* | : | 10.05 am, 1 pm, 3.55 pm 6.50 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Deadpool & Wolverine (H-3D)* | : | 10.15 pm |
| *Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)* | : | 10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20 pm 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Raayan (Ta)* | : | 10.25 am, 2.45 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Ulajh (H)* | : | 10.30 am, 1.25 pm, 7.20 pm, 10 pm |
| *Trailers Screening Show* | : | 11.25 am |
| *Shivam Bhaje (Te)* | : | 12 noon, 4.15 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (K)* | : | 12.35 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (H)* | : | 5.50 pm |
| *Ishq (K)* | : | 1.30 pm |
| *Bad Newz (H)* | : | 4.20 pm |
| *Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta)* | : | 4.20 pm |
| *Bidurbhai (Assamese)* | : | 7 pm |
| *Boat (Ta)* | : | 7.15 pm |
| *Raja Babu (H)* | : | 10 pm |

**1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210**

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|---|---|---|
| *Trailers Screening Show* | : | 11.55 am |
| *Raayan (Ta)* | : | 12 noon, 6.10 pm |
| *Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)* | : | 12.10 pm, 3.10 pm, 6.05 pm, 9 pm |
| *Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)* | : | 12.15 pm, 3.20 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Despicable Me 4 (E)* | : | 12.30 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (K)* | : | 2.45 pm, 9.15 pm |
| *Hebbuli (K)* | : | 3.05 pm |
| *Adios Amigo (Ma)* | : | 6.25 pm |
| *Devadoothan (Ma)* | : | 9.45 pm |

### INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

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|---|---|---|
| *Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)* | : | 9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 pm 6.55 pm, 10 pm |
| *Raayan (Ta)* | : | 9.55 am, 1 pm, 6.10 pm |
| *Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)* | : | 10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm 6.45 pm, 9.40 pm |
| *Trailers Screening Show* | : | 11.05 am |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (K)* | : | 11.45 am, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Shivam Bhaje (Te)* | : | 3.25 pm |
| *Boat (Ta)* | : | 4.05 pm |
| *Dangal (H)* | : | 9.20 pm |

**INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757**

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| *Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta)* | : | 10.15 am, 7.25 am |
| *Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)* | : | 10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40 pm 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Trailers Screening Show* | : | 11.05 am |
| *Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)* | : | 11.45 am, 2.50 pm 5.55 pm, 9 pm |
| *Adavi Katte (K)* | : | 1 pm |
| *Raayan (Ta)* | : | 1.10 pm, 4.15 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Devadoothan (Ma)* | : | 6.25 pm, 9.45 pm |

**NOTE:** Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

# Gandhi Shilp Bazaar to conclude tomorrow

***MLA G.T. Devegowda** (centre), who inaugurated the Gandhi Shilp Bazaar-2024 at JSS Mysore Urban Haat in city on Aug. 2, is seen taking a look at a saree on display. B.K. Shivakumar, Director (Exports) and Managing Director, VTPC Bengaluru, Shankarappa, Director, General Administration Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Morabada Mallikarjuna, Director, Publication Department, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Revanna Swamy, Director, General Development, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Rajashekar, Director, School Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, K.S. Sunil Kumar, Assistant Director, HSC, Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Mysuru and Rakesh Rai of JSS Mysore Urban Haat, were present on the occasion. The expo will be open today and tomorrow between 10.30 am and 9 pm.***

## EVENTS TODAY (AUG. 7)

- **Simon Exhibitors:** 'Karnataka Sambhrama-50,' Mega Consumer Expo marking golden jubilee of renaming the Mysore State as Karnataka, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **4 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru:** 'Vachana-Shravana - Mane Manege Shravana Masada Shravana Sandesha,' lecture by H.N. Siddamallikarjunaswamy (Lecturer, JSS Degree College for Women), residence of Vedavati Mahesh, No. 1614, Kantimallanna Kalyana Mantapa, opp. Mandi Police Station, Mandi Mohalla, **5.30 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, special puja, **Morning;** Mass prayer, **6 pm;** Dr. K. Anantaramu delivers discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani,' written by Lakkanna Dandesha; Vaachana by Vidushi M.V. Shubha Raghavendra, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Mysuru:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**

## EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 8)

- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Mysuru:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Srichakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa, Kumkumarchana to Sri Rajarajeswari Devi, **9 am;** Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** Book release — Saroja Rao's 'Antarangada Alegalu' (a poetry collection) — by former Chairman of Kannada Sahitya Parishat & Principal of Maharani's College Dr. B.V. Vasanthakumar, Sarada Vilas College Asst. Professor & writer Dr. G. Anand speaks about the book, Parishat President Maddikere Gopal presides, Sarada Vilas College Commerce Department Dean Prof. Satyanarayana chief guest, Parishat premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI):** Centenary celebrations, inauguration of 'Jagannatha' students' restroom, industrialist Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy of Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works chief guest, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani presides, Adichunchanagiri University Vice-Chancellor (VC) & MAA Trust Secretary Dr. M.A. Shekar, Kamakshi Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. C. Umesh Kamath, MAA Trust Hon. President Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy and Kamakshi Hospital Senior Advisor Dr. C.G. Narasimhan guests of honour, Institute premises, **4 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru:** 'Vachana-Shravana - Mane Manege Shravana Masada Shravana Sandesha,' lecture by B.N. Maruthi Prasanna (Professor, MMK & SDM College for Women), residence of K.G. Krishnappa, No. 240, 'Govinda Kripa,' Tyaga Marga, Siddartha Layout, **5.30 pm.**

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